



February 3, 2010

Sent via email

Kelcey Land
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 8, 8ENF-T
999 18th Street, Suite 300
Denver, Colorado 80202-2466

RE: Progress report for December 2009 activities - Hecla Mining Company Apex Site (EPA ID No. UT982589848, Docket No. RCRA-8-99-06)

Dear Kelcey:

Per paragraph 64 of the Order, enclosed is a copy of the December 2009 progress report for your records.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at (208) 769-4112 or e-mail at pglader@hecla-mining.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Glader", written over a horizontal line.

Paul L. Glader
Manager Environmental Services

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Cc: HMC Legal Dept (w/o attachments)



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**Glenn Rogers, Chairman.
Shivwits Band of Paiute Indian Tribe
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**John Krause
Bureau of Indian Affairs
400 North 5th Street, Floor 12
Phoenix, AZ 85004**

**Kelly Youngbear
BIA Southern Paiute Agency
P.O. Box 720
St. George, UT 84771**

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MEMORANDUM TO: Apex File

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FROM: Paul Glader

SUBJECT: Progress Report No. 68 for period ending December 31, 2009; Pond 2 Final Closure - Apex Site, Washington County, Utah

Summary

The monthly visual inspection, per the long term monitoring plan, was conducted on December 12. No unusual conditions were noted.

Geotechnical Monitoring

Based on the data showing that the facility has experienced consistently low settlement rates over the past three years, Hecla will continue to monitor the facility, however with survey data being collected on an annual basis.

The settlement monitors were surveyed on August 17, 2009. No appreciable movement was noted. MEI prepared a Surface Monument Survey Data Review. Based on surface monitoring survey data collected from January 2006 through August 2009:

- Overall settlement of the reclaimed impoundment top surface continues to be very minor
- Settlement rates continue to slightly decrease

Work Planned for Next Period

Visual inspection of site

Cost and Schedule

Committed costs in December 2009 were \$176. Total project to date committed cost is approximately \$1,475,500.

Supplemental Attachments

December 2009 site inspection report

December 2009 cost report

Annual Site Inspection Summary Sheet - Apex Site - Pond 2

Hecla Mining Company - Long-Term Maintenance and Monitoring Plan

Form 1 of 4 - Summary

Date: <u>12/12/09</u>			
Inspector: <u>Runn</u>			
Cover System Component	Potential Problem	Allowable Limits	Limits Potentially Exceeded
Site Perimeter	Erosion or Fencing Issues	NA	NA
Cover System (outslopes, top, rock)	Subsidence	Minor: ponding < 1" some gullyng / erosion	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * No <input type="checkbox"/>
		Significant: see Table 2	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Embankment Slope Stability	excessive movement or surface cracks > than 1"	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Gullyng	on top	depth > 1" Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		at embankment crest or on outslope	depth > 2" Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		w/in normal flow channel in diversion channel	no gullyng allowed Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		w/in diversions at toe of impoundment outslope	no gullyng allowed Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		in diversion channel at any other location	NA NA
	Erosion Protection Stability	rock subsidng or missing	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Seepage	no colored seepage allowed (red, blue, yellow w/ crystallization)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Runoff Control System	Diversion Channel	rock in place, channel not moving, fence stable	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Diversion Swales	rock in place, no silting in or head cutting	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Excessive silt build up at fence lines in diversion channel	allowed if not effectng cover system	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

* Mark all areas of concern or requiring repairs on attached site map.

Annual Site Inspection - Apex Site - Pond 2

Hecia Mining Company - Long-Term Maintenance and Monitoring Plan

Form 2 of 4 - Site Perimeter

Inspection Date: <u>12/12/05</u>	
Inspector: <u>Truman</u>	
Visible Outlying Areas	
Observed Condition:	<u>No Change</u>
Observed Damage:	<u>NONE</u>
May require repair: Yes ___ * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Property Boundary Fence and Gate (walk fence line)	
Observed Condition:	<u>Gates, Signs, & Fence are in good Repair</u>
Observed Damage:	<u>NONE</u>
Potential Corrective Actions:	
May require repair: Yes ___ * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
All Upgradient Areas (areas that drain onto property)	
Observed Condition:	<u>No Change</u>
Observed Damage:	<u>NONE</u>
May require repair: Yes ___ * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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Annual Site Inspection - Apex Site - Pond 2

Hecla Mining Company - Long-Term Maintenance and Monitoring Plan

Form 3 of 4 - Impoundment

Inspection Date: <u>12/12/09</u> Inspector: <u>TRUMAN</u>			
Outslopes			
Observed Performance:	Rock Cover Subsidence:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Excessive Slope Movement (failure):	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Gully Development:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Observable Leachate (colored):	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Excessive Siltation (at slope toe):	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Observed Damage: <u>NONE</u>			
Potential Corrective Actions: <u>NONE</u>			
Top (top surface soils)			
Observed Performance:	Cracking (>1" width):	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Settlement / Evidence of Ponding:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Erosion / Gullyng:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Observed Damage: <u>NONE</u>			
Potential Corrective Actions: <u>NONE</u>			
Erosion Protection Layer (rock)			
Observed Performance:	Rock Staying in Place:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Rock Subsiding:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Missing Rock:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Observed Damage: <u>NONE</u>			
Potential Corrective Actions: <u>NONE</u>			

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Annual Site Inspection - Apex Site - Pond 2

Hecia Mining Company - Long-Term Maintenance and Monitoring Plan

Form 4 of 4 - Diversion Channel and Swales

Date: <u>12/12/07</u>			
Inspector: <u>T. Turner</u>			
Diversion Channel			
Observed Performance:	Erosion Protection in place:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Normal Flow Channel in place:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Encroaching on Site Fencing:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Observed Damage:	<u>NONE</u>		
Potential Corrective Actions:	<u>NONE</u>		
Diversion Swales			
Observed Performance:	Erosion Protection in place:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Flow Channel Silting in:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Head Cutting:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	May require repair: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> * No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Observed Damage:	<u>NONE</u>		
Potential Corrective Actions:	<u>NONE</u>		

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Activity	2004 Budget	Revised Budget May 2004	Committed Cost this Period	Cumulative Committed Cost To Date 12-31-09	Forecasted Cost To Complete	Forecasted Final Cost	Remarks on Forecast to Complete
Phases I through III (Completed February 2006)							
Phase I - Drain Excess Liquid From Tailings	189,200	72,700		67,928	0	67,928	
Phases II, IIA + IIB - Evaporate Excess Liquid	6,000	8,000		242,882	0	242,882	
Phase III - Regrading & Final Cover System	337,000	342,050		504,742	0	504,742	
Field Indirect Costs	164,500	213,568		378,517	0	378,517	Includes Jan + Feb 2006 long term monitoring costs
Hecla Costs	18,700	18,700	0	33,324	0	33,324	
Subtotal Phases I through III	715,400	655,018	0	1,227,393	0	1,227,393	
Long Term Monitoring (through FY 2010)							
Site Inspections			176	190,167	4,546	194,713	
Settlement Monitoring				8,775	1,650	10,425	
Consultant Support:							
Annual Geotechnical Engineer Inspections				2,495	18,100	20,595	Includes settlement monitoring data analysis
Vegetation Monitoring			0	0	20,000	20,000	Allowance for surveys in FY 2008 - 2010
Site Conditions Review - MEI			0	7,669	2,132	9,801	
Site Conditions Review - SVL Analytical			0	2,079		2,079	
Erosion Repair Review - MEI				2,927	573	3,500	
Revegetation Review - Bamberg					3,500	3,500	
Maintenance:							
Erosion Repair Allowance				21,941	7,500	29,441	Erosion repair conducted April 2008
Revegetation Allowance				9,912	10,000	19,912	Revegetation conducted April 2008
Hecla Project Management Costs:							
Labor			0	2,266	7,909	10,175	
Travel expenses			0	0	1,312	1,312	
Subtotal Long Term Monitoring	0	0	176	248,231	77,222	325,453	
Total Pond 2 Final Closure	715,400	655,018	176	1,475,624	77,222	1,552,846	